

3. Land Under Wave

Fergus mac Léite persuaded the Lupracán to give him the magic ear-herbs that allowed him to walk on the bottom of every Loch, every river, and even the sea without drowning.

People, back in the time of the old stories thought that there might be a strange world hidden below the water. They thought that all kind of magical treasures might be hidden there.



There is a story of an adventurer called Brian, the eldest of three brothers who finds a magic glass helmet that allows him to walk safely on the bottom of the sea. Although this story was written down around 800 years ago and probably told much earlier, it does sound as though Brian had got hold of a diving helmet!

In another very old tale, a sea-traveller, called Bran, looks over the side of his boat and sees a land, below the water, planted with a great forest of trees covered in golden leaves and beautiful ripe fruit.



Finn and 13 of his friends are dragged down to Land Under the Waves by a very ugly horse. One of them, Conan Maol, makes the terrible trip clinging onto the horse's tail all the way.

They are needed to help in fighting a battle in this Underwater world. They find magic weapons but it can't have been a comfortable way to travel.

